Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 21 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 22 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 20 Oct 2023 at 17:06 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Saturday. High for a less windy and drier day on Sunday, but low for extent of any showery rain. Low for extent of any rain on Monday.

Headline for Saturday 21 Oct 2023: Cold and very windy with rain and snow, drier later.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 21 Oct 2023

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Medium Likelihood

Storm force winds
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Heavy snow	Light snow	Light snow	Sleet	Heavy Rain	Cloudy	Dull
Precipitation probability							
80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	40%	30%	30%

Forecast for Saturday 21 Oct 2023

Weather: A cloudy day with rain, sleet and snow at times, this heaviest and most persistent across northern and eastern Argyll and southern Lochaber. Snow will fall down to 800 metres, with a risk of blizzard like conditions on the higher summits in the morning. Snow will increasingly turn to rain at all levels by mid-afternoon as warmer air arrives from the southeast. Turning drier from the south through the afternoon into the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%, best chance across Arran in the afternoon

Low Cloud and visibility: Widely poor in extensive low cloud down to 500 to 800 metres, highest cloud bases along the west coast. Whiteout conditions expected in snow for a time. Low cloud may clear from the south of the region from late afternoon onwards.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	52/62 NE	48/58 NE	40/48 NE	36/44 NE	34/43 NE	25/32 NE	14/17 E	16/19 W	15/19 S
900	31/39 E	29/38 NE	25/32 NE	22/28 NE	22/29 NE	19/26 NE	9/13 SE	11/14 NW	10/14 SW
600	36/45 NE	32/40 NE	25/31 NE	22/28 NE	23/30 NE	20/26 NE	9/12 E	12/15 W	12/16 S
300	18/24 NE	16/22 NE	15/21 NE	15/21 NE	15/21 N	12/20 N	5/8 E	5/7 S	6/10 S
Glen	8/18 NE	9/19 NE	11/23 NE	11/23 NE	11/22 NE	8/17 NE	5/10 NW	3/7 W	5/10 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-3/-14	-3/-14	-3/-13	-3/-12	-2/-11	-1/-8	0/-4	0/-5	0/-5
900	-0/-9	-0/-8	-0/-8	-0/-7	0/-6	1/-5	2/-1	2/-2	2/-2
600	2/-6	2/-6	2/-5	2/-4	3/-4	3/-2	4/1	4/0	4/0
300	4/-1	4/-0	4/-1	4/-0	5/0	5/2	5/4	5/4	6/3
Glen	7/4	7/4	6/3	6/3	7/4	8/5	7/6	7/6	7/6
Freezing Level*	800m	800m	800m	800m	900m	1300m	1500m	1500m	1500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Be prepared for wintertime conditions in the morning with snow, poor visibility and severe wind chill. Very strong winds in the morning will lead to a risk of being blown over, and winds across the higher Nevis ranges may reach storm force at first. Icy surfaces can be expected at height.

Forecast for Sunday 22 Oct 2023

Weather: A much drier and less windy day with cloud breaking to leave brighter skies by afternoon. Some showers around first thing otherwise mostly dry with just a passing light shower in the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Westerly 20 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%, best chance in the afternoon

Low Cloud and visibility: Areas of cloud down to 600 metres at first across the north, this clearing away northeast through the morning to leave very good visibility with only small amounts of cloud above 750 metres by afternoon

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 rising to 8 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 5 Celsius
Freezing level: 1200 to 1500 metres

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